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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ACTIVITY ON WEST BANK

1. SUDDEN RASH OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS ON WEST BANK IN MID-NOVEMBER IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO NEAR ABSENCE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES DURING WAR AND PERIOD PRECEDING HOSTILITIES. GOI-SPONSORED ARABIC DAILY AL ANBA REPORTED NOV 15 SECURITY FORCES ON WEST BANK HAD BEEN REINFORCED TO COPE WITH NEW OUTBREAK. WE LEARNED THROUGH PRESS AND OTHER SOURCES OF FOLLOWING FIVE INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE DAYS:

NOV. 10 - SHOOTING (IN LEG) OF HEBRON LAWYER, NUSAYN SHIYUHE.

NOV. 11 - DISCOVERY OF UNEXPLODED BOMB IN NABLUS. ISRAELI HALFTRACK REPORTEDLY DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION IN NABLUS, NO INJURIES.

NOV. 12 - MIDNIGHT SMALL ARMS ATTACK ON ISRAELI PATROL IN CENTER OF RAMALLAH. NO ARRESTS OR INJURIES.

NOV. 13 - MIDNIGHT SMALL ARMS ATTACK ON ISRAELI HALFTRACK IN TWO OR THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS IN HEBRON AREA.

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2. SOME ARAB POLICEMEN REPORTEDLY HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS URGING

THEM NOT TO COOPERATE WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING
TERRORIST INCIDENTS. AT LEAST THREE WEST BANK NOTABLES SAID TO
HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS ASKING THEM TO "CONTRIBUTE TO THE
PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION" IN THE FUTURE. NATURE OF CONTRIBUTION
NOT SPECIFIED. RELIABLE SOURCE ALSO TELLS US 18 STUDENTS
ARRESTED NOV 19 IN NABLUS FOR PAINTING SLOGANS ON WALLS CALLING
FOR END OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION.

3. COMMENT: RASH OF INCIDENTS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME MAY BE
ATTRIBUTABLE TO FLUID POLITICAL SITUATION CONCERNING FUTURE OF
WEST BANK. MANY WEST BANKERS SO INTERPRET THIS DEVELOPMENT.
CONTINUATION OF THESE INCIDENTS, IF IT OCCURS, WOULD SEEM TO
SUPPORT THIS THESIS. ATTACK UPON HEBRON LAWYER, WHO WAS
CONSIDERED BY SOME TO BE COOPERATING WITH ISRAELIS, PLUS LETTERS
TO WEST BANK NOTABLES URGING THEM TO SUPPORT "PALESTINIAN
REVOLUTION" SUGGEST FEDAYEEN ARE ATTEMPTING TO INTIMIDATE
PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE "COOPERATED"
WITH ISRAELIS AND TO INFLUENCE THEIR VIEWS ABOUT POLITICAL
FUTURE OF WEST BANK. ATTACKS ON ISRAELI PATROLS ALSO SUGGEST
FEDAYEEN WANT TO PUBLICIZE THAT THEY ARE STILL PRESENT ON
WEST BANK AND ACTIVE WHEN NECESSARY.

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